

**Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100
Cultural Resources Work Group
August 2004 Update**

This update of activities conducted during August is provided in lieu of the August 2004 Cultural Resources Work Group meeting.

Study Plan C-1 Update

The final confidential Ethnographic Inventory Report was completed and distributed to the local Maidu Tribes. The final draft confidential version of the Archaeological Inventory Report was submitted to the Department of Water Resources for review. Once the confidential Archaeology Inventory Report is finalized, work on Study Plan C-1 will essentially be complete.

Study Plan C-2 Update

The historic-era site evaluation program focused primarily on water conveyance sites in the Lime Saddle and West Branch areas of the APE. Towards the end of the month work began at the Fischer homestead in the vicinity of the Bloomer boat-in campground. This site was occupied from at least the 1860s until the 1920s. The site was burnt by the recent wild fire near Cherokee. Removal of vegetation by the burn revealed a number of previously unobserved features at the historic site. Individual evaluation reports are being prepared for all resources that have been investigated under Study Plan C-2.

Maidu Advisory Council Update

The Maidu Advisory Council met on August 25, 2004. The participants discussed options for dealing with exposed Native American artifacts in the fluctuation zone and DWR's proposal to move forward with the evaluation of prehistoric sites at McCabe Creek where floating debris collection annually occurs. The MAC also viewed a film produced by the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) about obsidian trade on the east side of the Sierra Nevada. Using archaeological information from Caltrans projects, the film was developed for public outreach and educational purposes. The movie was shown to the MAC as an example of how information can be made available to the public, which is an important element to Study Plan C-4.

The next CRWG meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2004. A monthly update of activities conducted during September 2004 will be supplied to participants prior to the October 2004 CRWG meeting.